

**Montauk Fire District**  
**May 11, 2021**  
**Commissioners Regular Meeting 18:30 hours**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Joseph Dryer  
James Wright  
Richard Schoen  
William R. Pitts  
John Mark

**Also Present:** Chief Mitchell Valcich, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Scott Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Kenneth Glogg and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn E. Lucas

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Dryer called the meeting to order at 18:30 hours asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Dryer motioned to approve the minutes with said corrections of the April 28, 2021 Workshop Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Also noted, Commissioner Pitts motioned for a push bar on the fly car, seconded by Chairman Dryer, motioned/passed/carried.

**Purchase Requisitions:**

- A purchase requisition for Boundtree for medical supplies totaling \$275.34, Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- A purchase requisition for EMP for medical supplies totaling \$800.91 Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried

**Building Use Request:** Company 6 is requesting use of the meeting room and kitchen on Saturday May 22, 2021 for their company dinner. Chairman Dryer motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

**Audit of Bills:** Ms. Lucas presented the invoices for payment totaling: \$142,639.41 Commissioner Schoen motioned to approve the invoices totaling \$142,639.41, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Apparatus and Equipment:**

- 9-3-2- had a DEF issue and through a code. The Captain called Joey Lenahan, who then called Nelville and found out it was a bad sensor. This was all under warranty and repaired today. The issue lies in proper chain of command, the Chief should have known about this.

He only found out because Commissioner Pitts called him and explained. Chief also wanted to let everyone know that the DEF is super corrosive if not used on a regular basis. Chief Snow said if we had to use it we could.

- Commissioner Pitts explained an ambulance has an override on it because of life threatening conditions and can continue to run even if it is completely out of DEF. The fire trucks can not do that.
- 9-3-1- problem with computer, needs to be sent out to NJ, Chief will advise when OK to do so.
- Rear boxes for Chief and fly car have been approved and ordered.
- Sagamore lights is working on the fly car, was waiting on the push bar approval. Commissioner Pitts will call tomorrow with approval.
- Commissioner Pitts decided to cancel the portable radios since all ambulance members already them.
- There is a problem with the consoles in the new vehicles, they are smaller than previous models so we need a remote head which gets mounted in the console and the radios get mounted somewhere else in the bottom of the console. Commissioner Pitts motioned for 2 remote units and cables totaling \$510.00, seconded by Chairman Dryer; motioned/passed/carried.
- Commissioner Pitts requested paperwork from Chief Valcich for the donated vehicle. Ms. Lucas has to send a thank you letter and discuss if the donors would like to be recognized on the fly car. Also need to find out how to proceed on payment for the remaining items being installed.
- The new chief's vehicle is being worked on too.
- Commissioner Schoen asked about delivery of vehicles because we need to put ad in paper for old Chief vehicle. Commissioner Pitts explained delivery of the fly car should be within 3-4 weeks and the Chief's vehicle after that. He also mentioned Rocco was going to take the old Chief's vehicle in on trade. Commissioner Schoen stated we need to secure bids and if we don't get a bid then we can trade it in.
- Chief was made aware that the 4 gas meter in 9-3-1 is not charging and believes it is not in the book. Commissioner Pitts will talk to Brent about.

#### ***Buildings & Grounds:***

- Garage Doors are done. Still have that issue with the sill plate. Commissioner Wright stated they are working on other options and when available will discuss it. Commissioner Mark thought the edges/sill were not in danger of failing, which Commissioner Wright agreed and doesn't believe the stone will crack. The issue is maintenance moving forward, there is rust all over them, they would need to be grinded down and repainted. But then you run into consistently repainting.
- HOUSE REPORT- looks good

#### ***Capital Reserve:***

- Commissioner Mark read two capital reserve balances. Commissioner Pitts asked about a read out each month to see the line items. Ms. Lucas explained that report comes from our outside accountant, now that tax season is over she will make sure we have it each month moving forward. Commissioner Pitts also noted that budget season is upon us. He just wanted to make Commissioner Mark aware of the process and we usually start soon. Also Ex-Commissioner Mirras is willing to help too. Commissioner Wright asked if we are going to pay him for his services. Chairman Dryer stated we would but if he takes it that's another story.

***Communications:***

- Chairman Dryer asked about the soil samples. Commissioner Pitts stated Brent is having trouble getting in touch with someone. He feels they don't want to come out this way until they get a couple of jobs. Commissioner Schoen suggested contacting Soil Mechanics in either Seaford or Melville.

***Fire Advisory:***

- No report at this time.

***Insurance & Law:***

- Commissioner Schoen asked about the repair estimate for the steps on 9-3-14. Commissioner Pitts stated its being worked on.
- On May 19<sup>th</sup> the Governor is relaxing the restrictions on gatherings and lifting from 50 to 200 in a public environment. This means no more split meetings.
- Ms. Lucas asked about opening the firehouse to the Public, no discussions as of yet all the law is saying is the group max is lifted to 200.

***Personal:***

- Commissioner Mark talked about being assigned personal at the beginning of the year and going forward all matters involving personal should be communicated through him. All board members wanted to know what he thought that meant. Commissioner Mark stated it was overseeing the secretary, Brent, Rex and the paid paramedics. All Commissioners stated, NO that is buildings and grounds. Then Commissioner Mark asked what is personal, it deals with members of the department which is brought to you by the Chief.

***Safety:***

- No report at this time.

***Training:***

- May training will be hose advancement and portable pools.
- Also our Emergency Preparedness people are doing a lot of training as well, which includes dispatcher training. We would also like the District to inspect the two trailers and make sure they are road worthy with insurance on them.

**Old Business:**

- ***New Chief's Vehicle-*** previously discussed.
- ***Donated First Responder-*** previously discussed.
- ***Garage Doors-*** previously discussed.
- ***Battery Storage Facility-*** They would like to meet in June to have a drill at site. Chief expressed the earlier dates would work better and will get back to us with exact date. Chairman Dryer asked the Chief if he feels more knowledgeable about the facility and operation. His response was NO. They informed us of what the facility does but not what to do if something was to occur. The drill will help us be more prepared as per Chairman Dryer. The question arose if that will be a department drill and the Chief stated YES.

**New Business:**

- Ms. Lucas discussed changing the Workshop meeting to a different day, either Tuesday or Thursday. All Commissioner agreed to Tuesday, Ms. Lucas will remind them.
- Chairman Dryer addressed the fact that Thursday the town is having COVID shots available at the playhouse and we were asked about using our parking lot for overflow. We agreed, we will just cordon off a section for us, the rest can be used for overflow.
- Company 4 will be moving their meeting out 1 week because of the COVID shots.

### **Chiefs Report:**

- 9-3-1 and 9-3-4 still need hose covers. Commissioner Pitts stated still waiting on Ricardo to come down and take a look. Brent also tried CE King. Chief also stated there is Mill's on the North fork.
- 9-3-1- take it out of service the earlier the better to address the computer issue. Commissioner Pitts will inform John from Fully Involved.
- MSA Packs have to be inspected every other year and they are still good. So Chief would like to push discussion off till September. Commissioner Wright stated we did visit replacing with Scott and they were more expensive. There are a lot of options available that could work for our department. Chief suggested when we do replace the packs we replace everything, packs, bottles, etc. Chief was told by both companies they would provide a trade-in -allowance.
- Chief was inquiring about the pagers and batteries that were ordered. Ms. Lucas was told they are on back order. She will call again tomorrow for status.
- Company 4 needs another locker which was previously discussed at a prior meeting with a semi-approval. Chief has a price now of \$409.95. Commissioner Schoen stated there used to be 3 rolling lockers that in an event of a hurricane which could be reeled to the school, church or state park. What happened to all the contents of these? Chief will look into. Commissioner Pitts motioned for another locker, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief was inquiring about the light issue in the ambulance bay. Jon Forsberg came and replaced the lights, just waiting on PSEG regarding the panels.
- Chief is making the District aware Gene Beckwith's family would like to use the meeting room in September or October for a party in his honor.
- SCWA has installed water main at three different location Laurel, N. Farragut and Adams, the Chief would like to know if they can flow test. Ms. Lucas will inquire.
- Chief asked if we would email points once a month to the officers of each company. Ms. Lucas said YES.
- At an officers meeting it was brought up about getting a sign like Sag Harbor Fire Department to broadcast different things that are going on. Chief stated if he has any say, he would vote against it. Chairman Dryer made a motion to consider the back lit sign, seconded by Commissioner Schoen, then all Commissioners voted NO to signage; motion was not approved/not passed/not carried.
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- Chief requested 15 Blue Lights, same lights as before. Commissioner Schoen motioned to approved, seconded by Commissioner Pitts; motioned/passed/carried.
- Chief is requesting the District to vote on 6 new members. Fire side- Frank Tuma and Ambulance company- Mary Ellen Brennan, Agnes Cindrich, Michael Brosnan and Joy Hear and Junior Fire Department, Carly Stuckart. Commissioner Schoen motioned to accept new members, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried. Also where does that leave company 4 with total members. Chief will look into.

Commissioner Pitts motioned to adjourn @ 19:22 hours, seconded by Commissioner Wright; motioned/passed/carried.

**Adjourned 19:22 hours**